

Please reject NAB's petition 04-160. I have been an XM subscriber since the first year it was offered. XM is the only place that I can find the music I want to hear 24 hours a day 7 days a week instead of listening to what someone else thinks are the "top 10" songs looped incessantly in between commercials for stuff I don't want and talk I don't want to hear. I gladly pay to listen to what I want to hear instead of listening to what someone else wants me to hear for "free".

I live in the Northern Virginia area and, as many FCC members know, traffic in the DC metro area is very congested. XM's Traffic and Weather is FAR SUPERIOR to anything I've heard on local stations and enables me to plan my commute more effectively. I drive through the Springfield interchange everyday and I know approximately how long my trip is going to take and the average speed I'll be traveling; nobody else gives me that.

There are too many monopolies in media and other industries as it is, cable companies are constantly raising rates and not adding much in the way of content or service, the Telecommunications Act of 1996 has done very little by way of providing more competition and service for the consumer and has instead paved the way to more mergers and larger faceless corporations.

I'm "forced" to pay for cable since the specifics of my location don't enable me to get satellite tv, please leave my XM alone.